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Wing-Kuen Chung, et al)) `					
Application No: 09/ 164,429))					
Filed: September 30, 1998)					
For: A Method and Apparatus For Providing Ringing Timeout Disconnect Supervision In Remote Telephone Extensions Using Voice Over Packet- Data-Network Systems (VOPS))))))					

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